

**COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY
e-COURT SUBCOMMITTEE
APPELLATE COURTS SUBTEAM
MEETING SUMMARY**

**November 3, 2010
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

State Courts Building Room 106

**SUPREME COURT MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Justice Andrew Hurwitz
Clerk Rachelle Resnick
Staff Attorney Ellen Crowley

**APPEALS DIVISION ONE
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chief Judge Ann Timmer
Judge Larry Winthrop
Clerk Ruth Willingham
Jeremiah Matthews
Patsy Lestikow

**APPEALS DIVISION TWO MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Clerk Jeff Handler*

AOC STAFF PRESENT

Stewart Bruner, *ITD*
Jim Price, *ITD*

* indicates appeared via telephone

WELCOME AND MEETING PURPOSE

Justice Hurwitz explained that this meeting focuses on AZTurboCourt implementation and asked if the appellate system had gone live yet.

TURBOCOURT APPELLATE E-FILING

Karl Heckart related the remaining concerns that preclude opening the e-filing system in the production environment, including a time mismatch along with case and document code mismatches. Justice Hurwitz felt comfortable with opening the system even if errors were still appearing, due to the low number of initial filers and small load of filings.

Next steps include: 1) Opening the production environment for filings, 2) Watching the system intensively for a couple of weeks to ensure it is functioning as designed, and 3) Training additional firms and filers to increase the volume.

Members discussed having the Attorney General switch from ACE to AZTurboCourt for civil filings first, then criminal filings. There was also discussion about opening the system for workman's compensation filings from the state fund into Division One.

Conversation turned to the timing and strategy for mandating civil subsequent filings in Maricopa County. Karl Heckart elaborated a phased strategy that would add law firms to the system month by month, February through May, and handle the small practitioners at the end. The timing of mandatory appellate e-filing will likely track with the end of the phase-in period for Maricopa. A decision was made not to impose the new rule change regarding direct filing of petitions for review on filers of paper petitions, but filers of appeals in superior court need to be warned that e-filing will soon become mandatory.

MARICOPA RECORD ON APPEAL TRANSFER

Judge Timmer and Jeremiah Matthews informed members that the volume of records transferred from Maricopa is now substantially higher than discussed in the previous meeting. Justice Hurwitz suggested that ultimately no transfers should be made because appellate judges will have access to the electronic records from chambers, either via login to the Maricopa and Pima document management systems or to the central document repository for the rural superior courts.

OBTAINING OTHER ELECTRONIC RECORDS

Judge Timmer reported on her meeting with the Industrial Commission at which she learned that the agency welcomes electronic transfer but does not currently have the technology in place to support electronic records. The Commission raised an issue with a pagination requirement imposed by Division One that causes them to expend a lot of labor. The source of that requirement is being investigated.

Justice Hurwitz informed members that the Keeping the Record Committee has disbanded, so the process of obtaining electronic court reporter records must take a different path. Judge Winthrop was volunteered to determine whom to speak with about the issue, based on his knowledge and experience.

OTHER UPDATES AND ISSUES

None were made or raised.

WRAP UP

A follow-up meeting will be called during the first week in December. Following that, meetings may be scheduled by topic rather than according to the calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.